Web Development Group 5/13/08
Present: Boyd, Cantrell, Juhl, Morgan, Perez, Walker

Action items in yellow.
1. Minutes from 4/8/08 meeting approved

2. Pryor Center Media
   Juhl and Morgan reported on the test “profile” page created for the last Pryor Center Board meeting:
   http://libinfo.uark.edu/SpecialCollections/pryorcenter/profiles/mcwilliams/mcwilliamsfrank.asp

   The goal was to integrate video and audio files with interview transcripts and still photos. Much work remains to be done to scale up this test page to a format that can be built routinely. In particular, the specific issues of metadata and rights need to be addressed by a larger group than just Web developers. Morgan has continued development work on the video player, to enable it to detect Flash players and versions, as well as on a Flash photo gallery application. Juhl would like the entire library staff to do a “stress test” on the new audio and video players to determine how robust they are for various configurations of browser and operating system. Boyd suggested that the Tuesday Times would be a good place to advertise.

   One accessibility issue is captioning for the videos. While PDF transcripts are an acceptable stop-gap measure, in the long term we will be expected to provide full captioning for the videos (so that the user can read the words as they are being spoken on the screen). This will be another processing step for the Pryor Center. The committee looked at the series of Mike Wallace interviews placed online by the University of Texas as an example of good captioning integration:
   http://www.hrc.utexas.edu/collections/film/holdings/wallace/

3. Arkansas Academy of Science Archive

   Juhl and Cantrell reported on a project to digitize the back files of the Proceedings and Journal of the Arkansas Academy of Science (1941-1996 and 1997-). OCLC has scanned and converted each page to TIFF and then OCR’d PDFs. Our task now is to combine the PDFs into issues and articles and to index them. Juhl will be working with Jesse in the Dean’s Office to complete this project:
   http://libinfo.uark.edu/aas/

4. CUARL K-12 Portal & Digital Portal
   Juhl reported on this effort, which collects web resources created by CUARL members and others that may be of interest to K-12 teachers. The draft portal has been populated by committee members, chaired by Elizabeth McKee. We are still waiting for a final logo and edits before going live:
   http://libinfo.uark.edu/cuarl/k12portal/

   In a similar project, Megan Perez is collecting digital projects from various CUARL members to be featured on a web page.

5. Research Paper Wizard
   http://libinfo.uark.edu/reference/wizard/
   Juhl discussed the edited version and asked for further revisions. One key suggestion was to change the wording on “Email…” to “Save this Schedule,” which would then offer to bookmark or email the link. Another discussion revolved around the Background Info section. It was suggested that a graphic representation of publication types / sequence might be more appealing to students. Perez
volunteered to work on that graphic. The group noted errors and extra spaced throughout the steps; Juhl will work on correcting these as well as preparing the final steps for the next meeting.

Next meeting: Tuesday, May 27th 10 am in room 472B (unless Todd’s class schedule changes – stay tuned).

Respectfully submitted,
B. Juhl
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